

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
Standing Subcommittee: Budget
Wednesday, September 5, 2018
4:30 PM***

*Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA*

*Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Subcommittee
and
Budget Subcommittee*

Public Participation

Approval of minutes form July 31, 2018 Joint Meeting

Next steps in multi-year planning process

New Business

Date for next meeting, if needed

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Jeff Thielman, Chair



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Meeting Location

Summary:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
▢ Minutes	07_31_18_Drat_CIAA-Budget_minutes.pdf	CIAA & Budget Joint Meeting 7/31/2018

Arlington School Committee
Joint Meeting of Budget Subcommittee and
Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 31, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m.

Attendance

CIAA Subcommittee Members: Jeff Thielman (Chair), Paul Schlichtman, Jane Morgan,

Budget Subcommittee Members: Len Kardon (Chair), Jennifer Susse, Jane Morgan,

District Leadership: Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D. (Superintendent), John Danizio (Chief Financial Officer), Elizabeth Montes (School Accountant)

School Committee members: Bill Hayner

Others: Kate Leary (Hardy parent and PTO treasurer)

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

1. Mr. Kardon and Mr. Thielman agreed that Mr. Thielman would chair the meeting and Mr. Kardon would take the minutes.

2. Public Participation – Kate Leary

- Ms. Leary thanked subcommittee members for being interested in the information and issue. She collected information about PTO spending and had full participation at all schools. Why it matters: A lot of work goes into raising money. What is story spending is telling us? Older schools spending on capital items. Library books. Professional development at some schools. This raises some parity issues. Wide range of fundraising ability between schools.
- Recommendations:
 - Transparent tech plan
 - Library books back in budget
 - Think about what PTOs should pay for
- There was a general discussion of issue of what PTO should be funding

3. Analysis of other funding sources - PTOs, grants, etc. (John Danizio)

- This item was taken out of order since it was related to Ms. Leary's public participation.
- Mr. Danizio presented his analysis of school department funding sources, including charts.
- Ms. Susse asked for a further breakdown of the fee revenue in future iterations of the chart.

4. Presentation by John Danizio, Dr. Kathleen Bodie on multi-year APS objectives

- Dr. Bodie noted that the multi-year plan would be part enrollment driven, part strategic
 - Cost to move district forward in achievement, vision for next 5 years
 - Dr. Bodie reported on the District Leadership Retreat held at the end of June.
 - They utilized the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Plan for Success methodology
 - Engaged DESE trainer to come to June retreat but felt rushed and did not have enough time as the process usually takes a full school year
 - More work needs to be done
 - Dr. Bodie presented the results – a list of six “Big Buckets/Key Levers of Change”
 - Subcommittee members then commented on shaping the process:
 - Mr. Kardon noted that we do not have time to do a real strategic plan and that the “Levers of Change” approach, while worthwhile to pursue, would not result in development of the five year plan this fall when it is needed
 - Mr. Schlichtman requested a focus on where we are under resourced and what components to add on to current base
 - Ms. Susse suggested we tell budgetary story and strategic plan will come through
 - Ms. Morgan agreed that we need to focus what do we need to produce the kinds of schools we want to have – it has to be as tangible as possible
 - Mr. Thielman said we should determine what are our deficits and what do we need to close those deficits
- 5. Next steps in multi-year planning process**
- Need a list of high priority objectives and to begin development of specific budget items needed under those objectives
- 6. New Business**
- None
- 7. Next Meeting**
- The joint Budget-CIAA subcommittee meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 5th at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



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